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Bonded Labour

2244. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:
SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of bonded labour is increasing every year;

(b) whether the International Labour Organisation requested the Government to establish a Commission at national level for bonded labour; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRTY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The number of bonded labour identified and rehabilitated during the last three years is given below:_

Year	*Number of Bonded Labourers*	
	Identified	*Rehabilitated*
1988-89	2,42,618	2,10,091
1989-90	2,45,636	2,18,028
1990-91	2,55,608	2,22,935

It is proposed to rehabilitate all identified and available bonded labourers by the end of 8th plan Period.

(b) and (c). In the report of the 61st Session of the Committee of Experts on the Association of Conventions and Recommendations held in March, 1991, the Expert Committee made some observations about various aspects of abolition of bonded labour system in India. The Committee merely noted the discussion in a U.N. Working Group on the suggestion of Anti-Slavery International for the establishment of a National Commission of Bonded Labour. The Committee wanted information in relation to this proposal, which has since been provided.

Incentives to Fertilizers Manufacturers

2245. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of small scale manufactures of Single Super-Phosphate and Triple Super-Phosphate fertilizer registered with the Union Government with their annual production capacity;

(b) whether the Government are given subsidies, incentives, price preference, excise concession/concessional raw materials to these units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Small scale manufacturers of single super phosphate are registered with State Government. The list of the small scale SSP units which are given subsidy by fertilizer Industry Coordination Committee (FICC) alongwith their annual production/licensed capacity is given in the statement below.

(b) and (c). Government have recently issued order fixing a ceiling on the subsidy payable to SSP manufactures. Excerpting Amjhore Units of Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Limited (PPCL) which manufacturers sulphuric acid out of indegenous low grade pyrites, the ceiling of subsidy was Rs. 790/- per tonne effective from 25.7.91 and upto 13.8.91. The subsidy would be Rs. 890/- per tonnes with effects from 14.8.91 for SSP manufacturers excepting the Amjhore Units of PPCL.